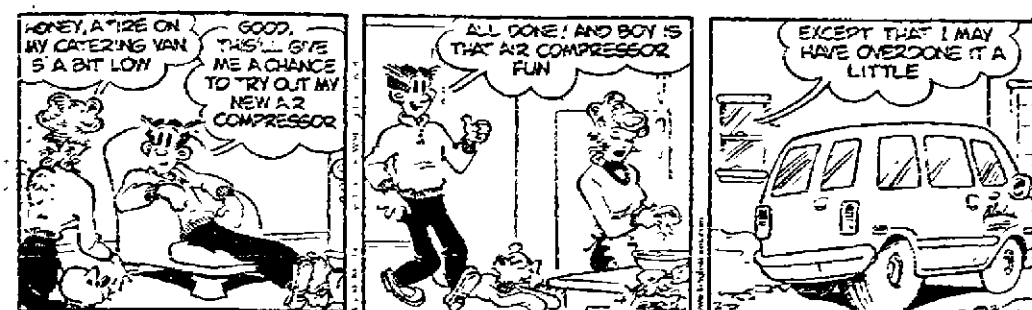


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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



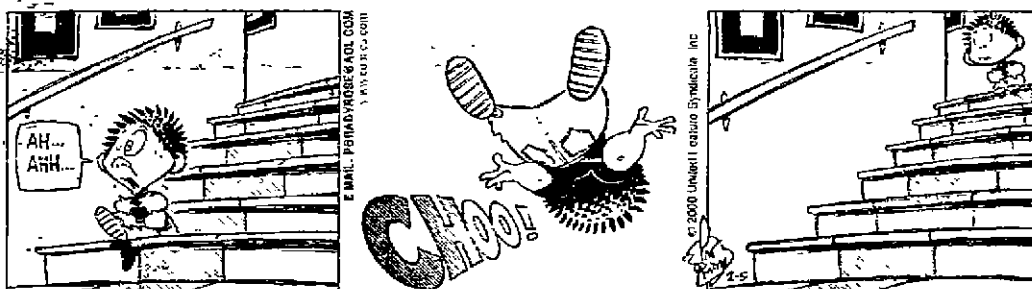
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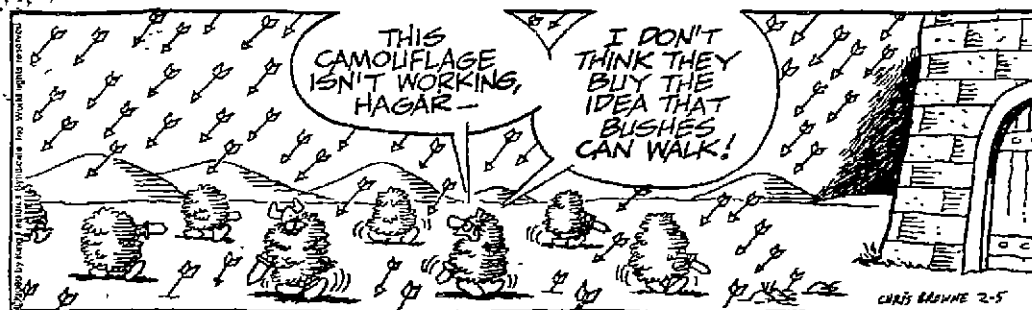
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DILBERT



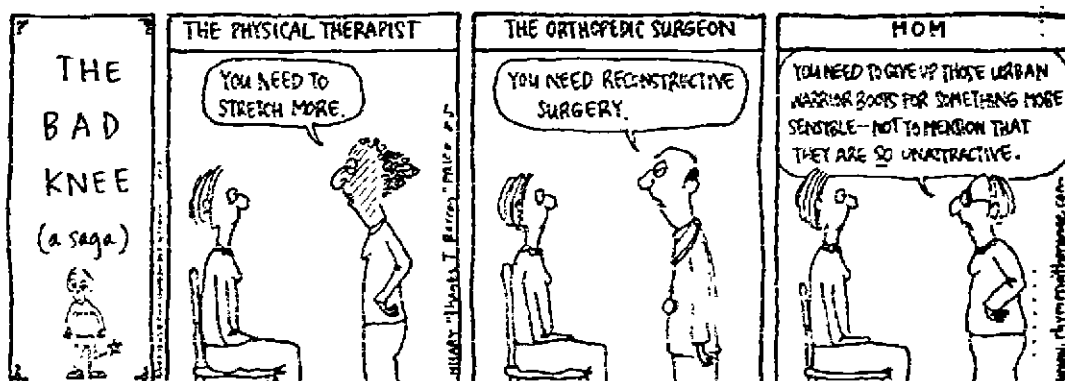
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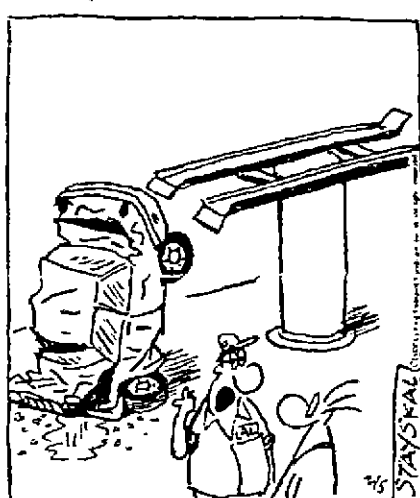
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian-actor Red Buttons is 81. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 72. Country singer Claude King is 67. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Aaron is 66. Actor Stuart Damon is 63. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 61. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 59. Actor David Selby is 59. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 59. Football Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach is 58.

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FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Feb. 6

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You work well in a group today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Watch out for people who may be trying to get a reaction from you today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The possibilities of meeting someone very interesting today are great.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try your hardest to respond intellectually rather than emotionally today.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you're holding on too tightly to something, you might want to ask yourself why you are afraid of letting go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Go with the flow and see where it takes you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Today is the perfect day to call a truce with your enemies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Unexpected outbursts could lead to hard feelings. If you don't clear things up right away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your level of confidence is at an all-time high.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) As the moon moves through the house of Aquarius, it is a good time to plan for the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Everyone you come in contact with is affected by you in some way.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You may find it hard to concentrate on any one thing today.

WORD SLEUTH

POKÉMON

S U A R P M J E G D A X S V S
Q N K T I F D A L W O R A E F
X V C H A R M A N D E R T Q F
O M J H F T U C A N E Y W L U
U R P N L J T A I H V E H L P
F D B Z X V T A S R E Q W I Y
S E O M K S R I R A E I K R L
H N I F D T D B Z Y B A W D G
V T A V R D Q R O N C L L E G
K I H K O B R A A H F D U E I
C A Z X E M A G U C W V U B J

Friday's unlisted clue: LAVA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hunt: WHAT PLAYERS TRADE

Arbok	Eevee	Jigglypuff	Rattata
Beedrill	Ekans	Move	Trainers
Sulbasaur	Fearow	Oddish	Weedle
Charmander	Game	Poliwhirl	

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For solution, see Classified.

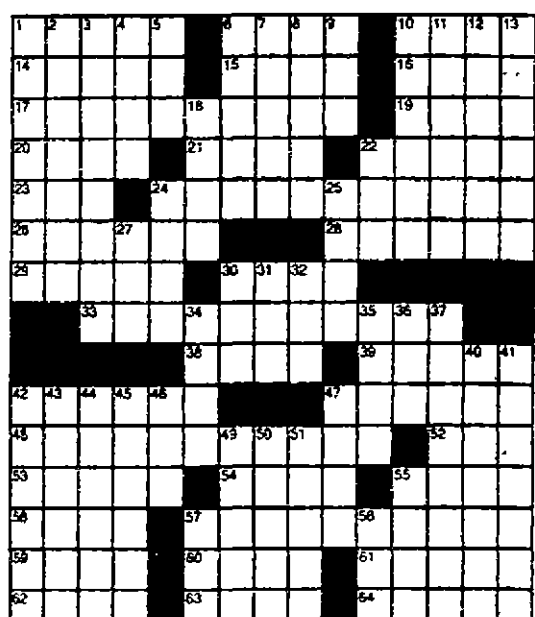
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1225

- ACROSS**
- Santa's night?
 - Barry Manilow song locale
 - Buster
 - Seasonal songs
 - Selfish sort
 - Skin aid
 - Celebrity born Christmas 1924
 - Certain column
 - Boy or girl precursor
 - Unwrap
 - Nursery rhyme food
 - Question usually asked with raised eyebrows
 - Celebrity born Christmas 1821
 - Beat
 - "Potemkin" setting
 - Lift
 - Trunk's locale
 - Celebrity born Christmas 1949
 - Teaser
 - Peace on earth
 - Fatherland, to Flavius
 - Not smooth
 - Celebrity born Christmas 1842
 - Mauna
 - Potato chip flavor
 - Architect Mies van der
 - Clue hunters, slangily
 - Apteryx australis
 - Celebrity born Christmas 1918
 - Gravitate (toward)
 - Assembly
 - Soldiering, e.g.
 - Bird on a cliff
 - Features of British jazz?
 - Had
- DOWN**
- Accesses
 - Eliminate with some effort
 - Parents' concerns on Christmas Eve
 - "Casablanca" role
 - Lao
 - Part of an apology
 - Lawn chair material
 - Feather, to an ornithologist
 - S.A. country
 - "... does nothing without purpose": Aristotle
 - Flashing lights, say
 - Sonata parts
 - Many a corporate plane
 - Resound
 - Two-timer, e.g.
 - Art collectibles
 - When repealed, an idyllic place
 - Spring time in Paris
 - Bar staple
 - Part of a test track

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FARMERSTAN RISK
EQUIVOCATE ESPN
MULTIMEDIA TORO
MAE LCN TRIOLET
ETDS OIL CODAS
SLOUX CANCELED
CURRY BOOS
TEASE WIELD
YELL FREYA
DELIRIUM GENE
LENIG VEL KARL
ALLEGRO LAP MAL
ITIS ANNODOMINI
NAST READDYSETGO
ESTO EASYSTREET



Puzzle by John Scott Morrison

- 44 U.N. ostracizee
- 45 Coulee
- 46 Christmas traveler's worry
- 47 Traveler
- 49 "It's a Wonderful Life" role
- 50 Impressed and how!
- 51 "Life!"
- 55 Anthropologist's topic: Var.
- 57 Chisel-like tool
- 58 Down

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